(b) Does not arise.

(c) The matter is under finalisation.

Power theft

1935. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any assessment of power theft in different States during the last one year, if so, the value of the electricity stolen;

(b) the measures Government have taken/propose to take to check power thefts;

(c) whether World Bank has also drawn Government's attetnion towards this State of affairs; and

(c) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU)- (a) No, Sir. State Governments/SEBs make assessment in the their respective states.

(b) Comprehensive guidelines have been issued by Central Electricity Authority to the Power Utilities for reducing Transmission and Distribution losses. These include measures for reducing power theft vis-a-vis installing tamperproof meter boxes, intensifying surprise raids and launching prosecution against the persons found indulging in theft of energy. The theft of energy has been made a cognizable offence from August, 1986 under the provisions of Section 39 of Indian Electricity Act, 1910. An Incentive Scheme was also introduced by the Government of India amnog the State Electricity Boards, Electricity Departmnts etc. from the year 1987 for bringing about reduction in the Transmission & Distribution losses.

(c) No, Sir.

(b) In view of (c) above, question dose not arise.

Panadharo Lignite Power Plant

1036. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantum of power generated by the Panadharo Lignite Power Plant in Kutch district of Gujarat during each of last three years.

(b) wheher the total quantum of power generated was sufficient for Gujarat and Maharashtra.

(c) whether some foreign countries and NRIs are seeking investment in the Lignite Power project to boost its power generating capacity;

(d) if so, the details thereof. and

(e) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU)- (a) The Quantum of power generated by Panadharo Lignite power Plant of Kutch district of Gujarat State during last three years is as given below:—

Year	Energy Generated (MU)
1991-92 . . .	424
1992-93 . . .	557
1993-94 . . .	668